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Helping Southeast Asia Come to Grips with the Reality of Taiwan. The Heritage Foundation. Walter Lohman. June 24, 2013.

The Philippines' National Bureau of Investigations (NBI) has recommended that criminal charges be filed against Filipino coast guard personnel involved in an incident that sparked a major dispute between the Philippines and Taiwan last month. On May 9, a Taiwanese fisherman, Hung Shih-cheng, was shot and killed by Filipino authorities when his fishing boat and a Philippines Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) vessel met in waters between the two countries. The response from the Taiwanese government was furious. It included everything from demands for apologies and financial compensation to sanctions on Filipino workers and demonstrations of military force. The Philippines counter-response was lower-key, but in its way, also pointed: It was easy to read a disregard for Taiwan founded on the Philippines' "One China" policy and Taiwan's mostly unrecognized claim to sovereignty.

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http://thf_media.s3.amazonaws.com/2013/pdf/ib3976.pdf [PDF format, 3 pages, 92.79 KB].

Item#2

Will Abenomics Restore Japanese Growth? National Bureau of Asian Research. William W. Grimes. June 2013.

Since the early 1990s, Japan has faced a daunting series of economic challenges, including slow growth, rising public debt, deflation, weak asset prices, and declining international competitiveness. "Abenomics" is the latest attempt to change Japan's fortunes. Named for current Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, it is a comprehensive strategy that is meant to reverse deflation and rekindle growth through the combined use of monetary, fiscal, and structural policies. In an era of slow global economic growth, the success or failure of Abenomics will have profound implications not only for Japan but for regional and global economies, including the United States, according to the report.

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http://nbr.org/publications/analysis/pdf/Brief/062513_Grimes_Abenomics.pdf [PDF format, 2 pages, 221.09 KB].

Item#3

The New Poor in Latin America: Challenges and Risks. Center for Global Development. Nancy Birdsall et al. Web posted June 25, 2013.

The authors identify a group of people in Latin America, and for comparison in selected other emerging market economies in the developing world, who are not poor but not middle class either. Using household survey data, the authors define as "strugglers" people living in households in which income per person falls between \$4 and \$10 per capita per day, well above the international poverty line, but below what we would call the secure middle class. The authors present evidence on the relationship of the strugglers to the state in countries of Latin America, using estimates of the taxes they pay and the benefits they receive from the state including cash transfers and access to social insurance and health, education, and other public services.

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http://www.cgdev.org/sites/default/files/2013-06-24_NewPoorInLAC_IDB2013Conference_Public.pdf [PDF format, 20 pages, 544.78 KB].

Item#4

Shaping Our Futures: The Educational and Career Success of Washington State's Immigrant Youth. Migration Policy Institute. Sarah Hooker et al. June 25, 2013.

Young adults (ages 16 to 26) who are immigrants or the children of immigrants have a mixed record of success in Washington State, with the performance of many English language learners lagging behind state averages even as the state's immigrant youth have a relatively high level of college-degree attainment compared to other immigrants nationwide. This report provides one of the first cross-system analyses of the educational experiences of first-generation and second-generation youth in the state.

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<http://www.migrationpolicy.org/pubs/immigrantstudents-Washington.pdf> [PDF format, 104 pages, 1.48 MB].

Item#5

Is Information Power? Using Mobile Phones and Free Newspapers during an Election in Mozambique. Center for Global Development. Jenny Aker et al. June 19, 2013.

Incumbent politicians in African countries have been cementing their positions in recent elections. That was the case of the Mozambican election of 2009, where the ruling party secured 75 percent of the vote, amid low participation and clear challenges of political accountability. The authors conducted a field experiment implemented nationwide based on three interventions providing information to voters and calling for their participation in the elections: an SMS civic education campaign centered on the elections, an SMS hotline to which citizens were able to report electoral misconduct, and the distribution of a free newspaper door-to-door focusing on voter education.

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<http://www.cgdev.org/sites/default/files/is-information-power.pdf> [PDF format, 59 pages, 2.21 MB].

Item#6

Armed Conflict in Syria: U.S. and International Response. Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress. Jeremy M. Sharp and Christopher M. Blanchard. June 14, 2013.

The popular-uprising-turned-armed-rebellion in Syria is in its third year, and seems poised to continue, with the government and a bewildering array of militias locked in a bloody struggle of attrition. The Obama Administration has signaled a pending expansion of U.S. civilian and military assistance to the opposition in the wake of the U.S. intelligence community's conclusion that President Bashar al Asad's forces used chemical weapons in limited attacks in recent months. U.S. officials and many analysts have asserted that President Asad and his supporters will be forced from power, but few offer specific, credible timetables for a resolution to the crisis. Further escalation in fighting or swift regime change could jeopardize the security of chemical and conventional weapons stockpiles, threaten minority groups, or lead to wider regional conflict.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RL33487.pdf> [PDF format, 59 pages, 1.77 MB].

Item#7

Climate Change and Financial Instability Seen as Top Global Threats. Pew Global Attitudes Project. June 24, 2013.

Publics around the world are concerned about the effect of global climate change and international financial instability, with majorities in many of the nations surveyed saying these are major threats to their countries. But Islamic extremism is also a serious concern, particularly in the United States, Europe and sub-Saharan Africa. In contrast, relatively few consider American or Chinese power and influence a major threat to their countries.

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<http://www.pewglobal.org/files/2013/06/Pew-Research-Center-Global-Attitudes-Project-Global-Threats-Report-FINAL-June-24-20131.pdf> [PDF format, 31 pages, 403.09 KB].

Item#8

Arab Spring Adds to Global Restrictions on Religion. The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life. June 20, 2013.

At the onset of the Arab Spring in late 2010 and early 2011, many world leaders, including U.S. President Barack Obama, expressed hope that the political uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa would lead to greater freedoms for the people of the region, including fewer restrictions on religious beliefs and practices. But the study finds that the region's already high overall level of restrictions on religion, whether resulting from government policies or from social hostilities, continued to increase in 2011.

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<http://www.pewforum.org/uploadedFiles/Topics/Issues/Government/RestrictionsIV-web.pdf> [PDF format, 106 pages, 5.27 MB].

Item#9

Public Split over Impact of NSA Leak, But Most Want Snowden Prosecuted. Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. June 17, 2013.

The public is divided over whether the leak of classified information about NSA phone and internet surveillance serves the public interest. But a majority says that former government contractor Edward Snowden should be criminally prosecuted. The national survey finds that 44% think that the release of classified information about the NSA program harms the public interest, while 49% say it serves the public interest. However, 54% of the public - including identical majorities of Republicans and Democrats (59% each) - say the government should pursue a criminal case against the person responsible for leaking the classified information about the program.

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<http://www.people-press.org/files/legacy-pdf/6-17-13%20NSA%20release.pdf> [PDF format, 13 pages, 415.45 KB].

Item#10

Beijing and the Chinese Diaspora in Southeast Asia: To Serve the People. National Bureau of Economic Research. Amy Chang. June 2013.

This report examines the contemporary dynamics between the Chinese diaspora in Southeast Asia and the People's Republic of China (PRC) and draws implications for the role of the Chinese diaspora in China's foreign policy.

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<http://www.nbr.org/publications/specialreport/pdf/free/08152013/sr43.pdf> [PDF format, 40 pages, 1.53 MB].

Item#11

A Survey of LGBT Americans: Attitudes, Experiences and Values in Changing Times. Pew Research Social & Demographic Trends. June 13, 2013.

An overwhelming share of America's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender adults (92%) say society has become more accepting of them in the past decade and an equal number expect it to grow even more accepting in the decade ahead. They attribute the changes to a variety of factors, from people knowing and interacting with someone who is LGBT, to advocacy on their behalf by high-profile public figures, to LGBT adults raising families.

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http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/files/2013/06/SDT_LGBT-Americans_06-2013.pdf [PDF format, 160 pages, 1.90 MB].